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1. At the beginning of October 1951, the German employees at the Soviet medical school in Beelitz (N 53/2 51) were discharged and replaced by about 200 Russian women. A hospital with blood plasma bank was housed in the installation near the medical school. Soldiers stayed there for short periods to donate blood. Medical equipment was stored in sheds. (1) 25X1C
2. On 1 October, a convoy of 17 trucks, [REDACTED] was seen driving into the restricted Margaretenhof area, Magdeburg (N 53/Y 60). The wind-shields of the trucks bore white triangles with [REDACTED] (2) 25X1C
3. On 5 October, SP guns [REDACTED] were loaded at the Templin (N 54/U 81) railroad station. (3) 25X1C
4. On 8 October, boxes and billeting equipment were loaded on two boxcars from trucks [REDACTED] at the Neuhaldeleben (N 53/Y 51) railroad station. 25X1C
 Supplies unloaded there included one boxcar load of ammunition, two boxcar loads of gasoline barrels and three boxcar loads of potatoes. Trucks [REDACTED] were identified at the railroad station. An AAA unit was observed about 3 km north of Neuhaldeleben, coming from the direction of Born at about 9 a.m. on 8 October, and included: 14 trucks, five were [REDACTED] 25X1C
 [REDACTED] towing 85-mm artillery pieces and carrying 18 to 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying field equipment; and 12 to 14 trucks, six were [REDACTED] 25X1C
 [REDACTED] each occupied by about 20 soldiers and towing 4 field kitchens. Another AAA unit, which came from the direction of Huetten at about 10 a.m., consisted of 25 to 30 trucks, each occupied by 18 to 20 soldiers, and towing four 37-mm AA guns. Nine of the trucks were [REDACTED] 25X1C
5. Source learned from the conversation of Soviet officers on 9 October, that the units from Oranienburg would leave the Templin troop training grounds for their post on 25 October and that the units from Uberswalde were not scheduled to leave the troop training grounds before mid-November. Officers of the units from Uberswalde stated that a considerable percentage of the troops would remain at the camp. (3)

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6. At about 11 a.m. on 13 October, a biplane landed at Fuerstenwalde (N 53/V 33) airfield and, after the pilot turned over a dispatch case to an army officer, it took off again in a westerly direction. An interpreter stated that about 100,000 kg of potatoes were to be stored at the airfield because the number of troops there would be increased to about 500 men. Truck [REDACTED] was seen hauling potatoes. (5) 25X1C
7. On 15 October, twelve T-34 tanks and 2 trucks were loaded at the Neuhausenlehen railroad station and an undetermined number of tanks were loaded on 19 October. On 19 October, source learned that the maneuvers scheduled to be held there would not take place. (4)
8. Troops and materiel detrained at the Perleberg (N 54/T 70) railroad station on 16 October included an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets; 22 tanks with five bogie wheels; 4 armored personnel carriers mounting a 37-mm artillery piece; 1 armored scout car; 4 pontoons; military equipment on 9 flatcars; and 1 truck with a [REDACTED]. The train came from the direction of Fritzwalde. Twelve tanks left for the airfield and the other vehicles for the barracks installation. (6) 25X1C

Comments. 25X1A

- (1) The medical school in Beelitz has repeatedly been mentioned in reports from the Laundry in Beelitz.
- (2) The restricted Margaretenhof area consists of requisitioned private houses between Herrenkrug Kaserne and Anger Kaserne on the north side of Breitscheidstrasse. Most of the trucks belong to the Third Gds AAA Div.
- (3) Since truck [REDACTED] was observed with the SP guns, the latter probably belong to the 25th Tank Div. As was previously observed, the loading of similar small details may be interpreted as an indication of the troops' departure from troop training grounds. On 12 October 1951, another source saw a convoy of the 25th Tank Div with billeting equipment depart from the troop training grounds toward south. Since headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army did not leave their quarters in Eberswalde until August 1951, it is possible that these units will remain at the troop training grounds until mid-November 1951. No information has been obtained as to whether the troop training grounds will be reoccupied. 25X1C

- (4) According to the [REDACTED], the billeting equipment entrained on 8 October 1951 belongs to the 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the Third Shock Army. Most of the trucks picking up the unloaded supplies belong to the 19th Gds Mecz Div. According to the motor vehicle [REDACTED], the AA convoys belong to the 3d Gds AAA Div. Another source reported the entraining of units, probably elements of two tank regiments of the 7th Gds Tank Div, on two trains on 16 October 1951. [REDACTED]. On the basis of the present and previous reports, it is believed that, according to the dispatching of advance parties to the posts from the troop training grounds in early and mid-October 1951 and the shipping of troops from most of the troop training grounds probably to the posts, large-scale exercises will not be held any longer. It is believed that the planned maneuvers were canceled on short notice. 25X1C

- (5) If it is assumed that a daily ration of potatoes is 500 grams per person and if allowance is made for a shrinkage of about 20 percent, the potatoes would last for about 105 months. Since a regiment of about 550 troops of the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army is believed to be stationed in the installation, in addition to the main medical depot of the GOFG, the [REDACTED] would be probable. Truck [REDACTED] belongs to the AAA division. 25X1C

- (6) Another source reported elements of the 18th Mecz Div were loaded on two trains in Dranse and Wittstock on 16 October 1951. [REDACTED]. It is believed that one of the trains, which probably carried units of the 58th Mecz Regt and the 348th Engr Dn of the 18th Mecz Div, was unloaded in Perleberg. 25X1A

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